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ORCHIDS

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Dear Customer:

This spring I am importing from various countries the enclosed list of native orchid plants. These particular species have been selected because of their range in color, time of bloom, and ease of culture. All of them are beautiful and a distinct addition to any collection.

Last year I had difficulty getting all of the *Vanda coerulea* I needed and some of the last orders could not be filled. This year I do not anticipate any difficulty but still I recommend that you place your order immediately for all the plants you will require. Some of the varieties are in somewhat limited supply. All plants will be advertised in national magazines in April.

This is an excellent way to increase your stock of unusual orchid species, and cultural instructions will be furnished with each plant.

If there are other species which interest you, I would be glad to hear from you and if possible will obtain them for you.

Terms are cash with order and I recommend express shipment. Please send your orders in as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Ilgenfritz

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Cattleya Bowringiana - \$3.95

Many flowers on a spike distinguish this specie. Blooms are rose purple in color with darker front lobe on lip. Autumn.

Epidendrum vitellinum - \$3.95

A medium sized plant producing small orange-red flowers of great beauty. Autumn.

Epidendrum atropurpureum - \$3.95

A medium sized plant with large bulbs and two leaves. 5 to 15 flowers are produced on each spike. Sepals and petals are green and chocolate brown. Lip is pure white with bright crimson blotch. Summer

Cypripedium insigne var. *Harefield Hall* - \$4.95

The very popular, extremely easy to grow native Indian orchid. Large, boldy shaped flowers, the dorsal sepal of which is yellowish green, heavily spotted with chocolate, margined with pure white. The pouch and petals are yellowish green, veined with dark green and suffused with brown. Winter.

Cypripedium fairrieanum - \$4.50

These flowers are somewhat small but very pretty. The dorsal sepal is white, yellowish green at the base, veined with purple. Lip is green, flushed with red and veined with purple.

Cypripedium spicerianum - \$4.95

Flowers are medium size. Dorsal sepal pure white, green at base with central purple stripe. Petals pale green, marked and spotted purple, lip brownish purple. Winter.

Cypripedium venustum - \$4.50

Foliage very attractive, mottled on upper side and dark purple beneath. Dorsal sepal greenish white with purple stripes, petals warted with purple, lip yellowish, veined with green and flushed with purple. Spring.

Dendrobium formosum - \$3.95

A pure white bloom except for an orange stain in the throat. Very fragrant and long lasting. Fall.

Dendrobium nobile - \$3.95

Very popular specie. Flowers in two's and three's, showy, quite variable. Segments white, tipped with rose purple, the lip having a deep crimson blotch in the throat. Winter and spring.

Dendrobium wardianum var. *giganteum* - \$3.95

Large, very colorful white flowers, tipped with amethyst, lip has an ochre-yellow disc. Winter and spring.

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Cymbidium giganteum - \$3.95

Long scapes produce a quantity of nice sized flowers. Sepals and petals yellowish green striped with red-brown, lip yellowish, spotted with bright red. Autumn and winter.

Cybidium eburnum - \$4.95

One to three very fragrant creamy white flowers are produced on erect spikes. The disc of the lip has a deep yellow band down the center. Winter and spring.

Lycaste aromatica - \$2.95

Dwarf habit. Flowers are golden yellow, lip spotted with orange. Very fragrant. A great many flowers are produced from a single bulb. Winter.

Lycaste skinneri - \$2.95

The most popular specie. Flowers are large and handsome, sepals white suffused with rose, petals marked with deep rose. Lip is white spotted with rose-red crimson. Winter.

Oncidium cavendishanum - \$3.95

Sometimes called Elephant Ears because the leaves are large and touch. Flowers are small, of clear yellow, spotted with red. Lip is bright yellow. Spring.

Oncidium ornithorhynchum - \$3.95

A many flowered specie about an inch across, of rose-lilac color. Winter.

Oncidium sphacelatum - \$3.95

A tall growing specie, producing up to 70 small chestnut-brown flowers barred with bright yellow; lip golden yellow. A very beautiful sight. Spring and early summer.

Oncidium splendidum - \$3.95

Another tall-growing specie. Flowers large, sepals and petals yellowish-green, barred with rich brown. Lip clear yellow. Winter.

Oncidium varicosum var. *Rogersii* - \$4.95

A truly beautiful specie. Large flowers of yellow barred with red-brown. Lip is large, bright yellow, four-lobed. Winter.

Odontoglossum grande - \$4.50

The very popular, easy-to-grow specie. Flowers are large and showy. Sepals are bright yellow, heavily barred with chestnut brown. Lip is short, pale yellow blotched with red brown. Autumn.

Vanda coerulea - The Blue Orchid. - \$4.50

Flowers large, handsome, light blue color with darker tessellations. Lip smaller, deep-blue. Autumn.

